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MEMORANDUM

February 25, 2022

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “COVID Child Care Challenges: Supporting Families and Caregivers”

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. ET the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hearing to examine the coronavirus pandemic’s impacts on child care providers and the resulting impacts on families and the labor force.

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using Zoom, which has been approved by the House, at the discretion of the Chairman, the witnesses, and other Members.

Participants appearing in person will be required to adhere to the current [Attending Physician’s Social Distancing Guidelines](#), which note that “for meetings in an indoor US House of Representatives controlled space, face coverings are REQUIRED for ALL individuals.” Further, as noted in the most recent [Attending Physician e-Dear Colleague update](#), due to the emergence of the highly contagious Omicron variant, masks should be “properly fitted, medical-grade, filtration face mask[s],” such as KN95 and N95 masks.

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 1:30 p.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

The hearing will examine the declines in child care employment and capacity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, the relief funding provided for child care to date, and the need for further investments in child care and support for families.

II. WITNESSES

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Additional witnesses may be added